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Dear Hal:

I just received your latest letter & just wanted to mention a little more on my article "I LED ONE LIFE" which I didn't explain in my last letter.

You wanted to know why I didn't identify those who maligned me with the absurd charge of being an "FBI informant."

The main reason I didn't name any ~~##~~ names was because of my concern that an editor could seize upon the argument that if I did name names I was merely engaging in personal rancour & the editor of the magazine could then say that is why he[or she] didn't print what I had written. By not putting any names an editor would have to come up with a different excuse & I didn't think one could come up with a really ~~big~~ logical excuse.

Another reason that I didn't cite names is that I wanted to demonstrate how sloppy supposed researchers are pursuing their work & that included my accusers & defenders. Of course, I hit hardest on my accusers & detractors but I in-

tended to show everyone we must not continue being derailed by these supposed researchers. And I'll do all I can to point this out.

I mailed my article as an "open letter" to the 5 best known JFK journals. By "best known" I do not necessarily mean best researched but the 5 are those most read & that is why I sent my article as an "open letter". I put it in the form, thus, as a moral or ethical obligation. If the editor didn't publish it, he or she would have to explain why & no excuses could be offered justifying me being excluded.

But I will tell you who the accusers are & this is an interesting story all in its own because some of my "friends" have been put to test on this & have come out, sadly, deficient - you'll see what I mean.

Before I get into this I should note that David Wrone and my good researcher friend, Bill O'Neil, have written me great letters supporting me through all this.

Now here's the story of how I learned about all this. It was Gary Aguilar who called me around the middle of last May & said that the "buzz" at a Minneapolis convention headed by James Fetzer (of Z-film alteration fame or infamy) - the "buzz" was that a "rumor" was circulating on the Internet that I was an "FBI informant". I told Gary I bet all this has something to do with my refutations of the alteration Z-film "theory." I labelled the charges ridiculous but I had no Internet copies or FBI documents to refer to & I asked Gary to ~~send~~ send me whatever he had. Gary said that John Armstrong had first circulated the rumor on the Internet mentioning the FBI documents. (For your information, Armstrong is the fellow

who has been pushing the weird notion that two Oswalds lived in two different cities at the same time & he's also made the claim that there were also two Marguerite Oswalds !!! As crazy as these ideas sound many, many believed it at the last two Lancer (Dallas) conferences !! I should add that at the very last Lancer conference a photo was shown which is alleged to be of a (possible) third Oswald! This particular Oswald had a moustache !!

It gets better as we go along. Armstrong's Internet stuff was picked up by Jack White who spear-headed the drive against me (he's the one who called me "A wolf in sheep's clothing"). White is famous (or infamous) for putting out a video ("FAKES") which alleges the many, many (still) photos of Oswald are not Oswald at all but someone else (how many others this "someone else" are I can't say).

White has had it in for me ever since I gave a talk in Dallas in the early 1990's where I offered evidence the backyard photo was real—not faked. He questioned me at this Dallas talk & I answered him effectively, I thought (but obviously not in his mind). He is the person mentioned in my article whom I did not name.

Add to my debunking the Fetzer, Twyman, Lifton & Mantik absurdities not only in my "Fourth Decade" articles but my 2 Dallas talks—one at Lancer & the other at COPA (I was invited by Gary for the other talk) it is no wonder White got on his high horse to try to discredit me. Since he (nor any of his cronies have written one word debunking my attacks on the Fetzers, Twymans, Liftons, Mantiks & Whites) what better way to attack me than to ~~steg~~ use FBI documents! In his blindness he made an all-time fool not only of himself but of the others because how can they come to his defense?! They can't! So they'll keep silent—which says more about them than anything they could have uttered.

The other person who supports White in all this lunacy is LISA PEASE whom you may have heard of. She is co-editor of "PROBE" the magazine put out by JIM DIEUGENIO (who is a staunch supporter of JIM GARRISON & cannot see Garrison as being wrong in things he's done). Lisa, several years ago put out on the Internet = "Am I the only one who thinks Hal Verb is a government agent"?! " (Someone replied to this, "Apparently so, Lisa"). Lisa is the one I refer to in my article (without naming her) as being the one passing the rumor along that I was either FBI or ONI (or both).

Ray Marcus told me that Jim DiEugenio was actually going to publish an article about me which would be "exposing" me. Ray said that Jim would call me first before printing the article! I told Ray I didn't believe Jim would ever call me because he couldn't possibly be that stupid (& he never did call me).

When I sent my article to Jim (the editor of "Probe") I wrote a note saying this will "save you the trouble & time" of calling me & here's my "response" instead. Let us see if he is man enough to print it!

But getting back to Gary Aguilar = after he sent me some of the FBI document pages I received in the mail all of the document pages plus Internet pages referring to me from other researchers. I then had written a short letter to Gary explaining how & why my accusers had misread the documents.

Imagine my surprise (& outright shock) when I had another phone conversation with Gary & at one point he asked me = "Are you with the FBI?*!!"

I was absolutely stunned. I thought he was

kidding. But no, he was in dead earnest - he meant it! I absolutely denied it. But I was still shaken, even more by his question than anything Armstrong, White or Case had ever said!

Can you imagine that? Even after having read the documents + ~~##~~ a letter I sent him pointing out why the documents were misread he still asked this question!! As I noted in a letter I sent to David Wrone I recalled a remark that David had made to me in S.F. when Dave & I last saw each other. He said of Gary: "He scares me!" I told David I knew what he meant & Gary's latest episode with me confirms our belief.

Gary & I have worked together, appeared at conferences, I've had him on my TV show, we've co-authored an article, he's invited me to the COPA conference (trying to get me to not attend the Lancer conference but to attend his COPA conference instead. I say "his COPA conference" because I've heard that GARY put as much as $10,000 into the last COPA conference) & all of this makes him think I'm "with the FBI"?!! Unbelievable, but all too sadly true.

Now you can see what I mean by how my "friends" are being put to the test. It is not a happy episode.

One last thing about Gary & this also disturbed me, too, but not as much as Gary's questioning about me being "with the FBI": in my last phone conversation, Gary said to me: "I know this concerns you but as for myself I couldn't care one way or the other!"

This attitude is definitely wrong because an attack on one is an attack on all & Gary should know better.

It is ironic because I remember when I was talking with Ray Marcus & GARY's name came up, Ray expressed the thought that Gary "might" well be agency ~~CIA~~ connected & I defended Gary saying how ridiculous that is (You know Ray, he sees any connections with many researchers & finds me "incomprehensible" for not knowing this!!).

-Best, Hal